

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 402 - SB 723**

February 13, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Changes “victim” to “domestic abuse victim” in all references to a victim relating to domestic abuse. Includes “appeal” to the list of costs for which the petitioner of an order of protection is not charged. Authorizes an order of protection to be modified without the requirement of a new petition.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

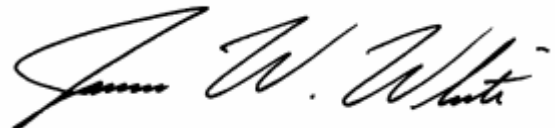
##### **Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

###### Assumptions:

- Currently, a petitioner is not required to pay any filing fees, litigation taxes or any other costs associated with the filing, issuance, service or enforcement of an order of protection.
- Any increase in local government expenditures as a result of a petitioner not paying any costs associated with an appeal of an order of protection will not be significant. Any costs associated with the appeal will be assessed on the respondent.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director